

MENTAL HEALTH / PREFERRED DRUG LIST WORKGROUP MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2004

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees:

Gary Mihelish, DDS
Jim Fitzgerald
Duane Preshinger
Dan Peterson

Jennifer Lynch
Mark Eichler, RPh
Bobbi Renner

Mark stated that the Formulary meeting would be held next week at the Foundation office. Future meetings will be held either in the Sanders Building auditorium or in Cogswell Conference Room C209A or C209B. Dr. Stephen Nagy has agreed to become a member and will be at the Wednesday meeting. Update: The September 22 meeting will be at the Montana Association of Counties (MACO) Building from 1 pm – 4 pm. The address is 2715 Skyway Drive, Helena.

Dan outlined the information he received from several states that he contacted concerning what they do in the grandfather process for their PDL list if it includes mental health drugs. Of the seven states that responded to his request, three do some grandfathering, three have carve out plans and one has put off a decision until January 2005.

First Health provided information on other states. Sandy will provide a generic report outlining their findings to Dan as soon as her Legal Department approves.

A Q&A session followed.

Dan outlined the current plan for a Grievance Hearing Process. A discussion followed. The following items will take place to limit the need for a hearing.

1. Educate pharmacists and pharmacy employees;
2. Educate providers; and
3. Write draft of education process.

Sandy will send copies of First Health mailings to Dan for presentation at next meeting.

Duane presented information on the CNS proposal. There will be further discussions within the Department to see how it can work in Montana.

Gary provided a short, recorded presentation regarding mental health and medication used in treatment. A short discussion and a handout listing requests for the Department PDL followed the presentation.

The next meeting will be Friday, September 10, 2004 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Sanders Building, Room 207. Future meetings will be held at the same time and location on October 1; October 22; November 12; and December 3, 2004.

At the next meeting, the Department will present:

- Grandfathering proposal
- Overview of the educational component of the PDL
- PDL Savings – Drug switch vs. savings from supplemental rebates.